

Zumbro Valley Woodturners

February 2009

President Note 1-09

Happy new year! This is my first newsletter note of the year, so , though it may be a little late calendar wise, I'm still hoping for a happy one for us all.

Our club focuses on meetings and due to the surveys and selections made by our program chair, also our V.P. Todd, we have a line up of meetings that should align with what you want to see. If there is something that we're missing, let us know. Many, if not most, of our members are new to turning, so we are trying to stick to the basics most of the time while showing what is possible to whet the appetite. Because viewing the work at the lathe is so important, Irv, Duff and Harmon are working on some alternative solutions for better viewing of demonstrations. Video cameras, projectors and monitors are being considered. If you have experience with these things, or opinions about what you would like to see us do, please contact one of them. They are experimenting and the board has been discussing this already, but there are decisions still to be made. Also, if you have a big TV to get rid of that still has a decent picture, we might be able to use it for a video monitor in one of the shops where we have our meetings. That donation could save you a dump fee.

The January meeting at the Rochester Covenant Church, was well worth the time. Lyle's presentation of his turning cruise was focused on his varied images of famous turners and their creative work.

That meeting also produced an interesting selection of projects for the show and tell. Thanks to all who brought their newly created treasures and their less successful trials as well. We can appreciate and learn from them all. I'm always amazed at the varied approaches to turning.

Barb Corcoran brought samples of various shirts adorned with our club logo. The quality of the embroidery was outstanding. To keep things simple, the board decided to let all the members deal directly with her, just give her a call. She can provide garments or do the logo on a variety of your own things. Details on ordering are also in this issue and on the website.

We will be participating in the Woodcarvers show 3/28-3/29 10-4 each day. This is an opportunity to show the public what woodturning is all about. At the next meeting, Irv will have sign up sheets. Even if you are new to turning, take this opportunity to make little tops or other small things to delight the viewing public. You don't have to be a showman or an expert. Flying shavings are enough to entertain anyone. I've seen people doing these demos, just making shavings.... smaller and smaller cylinders. The world does need toothpicks. More details elsewhere in this newsletter and at the next meeting.

Duff is also working on putting a group tool purchase together. If you have vendor preferences, let him know. We aren't likely to get discounts on big machines, but tools, supplies are all possible. Start making your wish lists.

In addition to producing this newsletter, and the web site, Irv and Bill are working on a brochure that

can be used as a membership application. They should have a sample at our next meeting.

The board has been busy, please thank the board members when you see them. Their contact information is also in this newsletter and on the web site.

Remember, if you want the bark to stay on your wood, cut it now, in the middle of winter.

Happy turning, stay safe,
Mel

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Mel started the meeting with some introductions and a report on some of the things going on in the board.

Duff Bement talked about collecting ideas about your favorite tool companies and perhaps putting together an group purchase. E-mail Duff for an informal poll as to your choice and if you are interested in participating.

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A wonderful way to promote public awareness and recognition of our ZVW organization

This evening was the debut of the first ever “**ZVW logo**” exclusive and distinguished clothing line. Three years ago, the club held a competition for the design of a logo. Tom won that competition with the current design (*see photo*). The inspiration for the center of the logo came from watching Jim Garrett during his segment woodturning presentation, where the resulting continuous shavings (floated through the air) appeared to dynamically spell out the letters ZVW.

The logo got immediate use by Irv Miller, as our logo on his ZVW newsletter and website. The embroidery implementation of the logo came at the Mayo Clinic Employees Craft Sale. Barb Corcoran had her embroidered articles on sale across from Tom’s table. Tom merely asked if the ZVW logo could be put on clothing, Barb said “SURE” and proceeded to make the examples displayed at our meeting. The quality of the clothing and workmanship is excellent. The exhibits will be shown again at the next meeting but you can also purchase by contacting Barb directly at 507.398.4919 or by e-mail at Barbie55901@charter.net . See the photo for one example of what is available:



You can have the logo embroidered on your own article of clothing for only \$10, or you can select from the many embroidered clothing articles that Barb offers.

If you have questions; call or e-mail Barb at either 507-398-4919 or Barbie55901@ccharter.net

Thanks to Tom and Barb for bringing the items and discussing the options.

ZVW Will Participate at the Rochester Woodcarvers Show

Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10:00 - 4:00

Sunday, March 29, 2009, 10:00 - 4:00

4-H Building, Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Aune Drive SE, Rochester, MN

We will participate at the Rochester Woodcarvers Show again this year displaying our arts/crafts and demonstrating on a mini-lathe. **Selling is permitted if a seller has a MN tax number, a must-have to sell at the show.**

All ZVW members are encouraged to display at the show. You don't have to be there to display. Even if you don't display, or don't have time to man our display tables, come and see the excellent wood carvings. Admission is free.

If you plan to demonstrate, please bring any wood, tools, and fixings (chuck etc) that you require. Dennis Holt will provide a min-lathe with a 1" x 8 tpi spindle, # 2 MT.

Participants may optionally participate in a pot-luck lunch on both days. This really means eating and drinking all day long. If you are interested, please bring something to share for each day that you plan to participate.

The Rochester Woodcarvers Show costs the Woodcarvers in the order of \$1,000 to rent the space and to advertise the show. To help pay for this, they set up a raffle table containing woodcarvings donated by members. We are invited to contribute to this table and have done so in the past with some very nice, sought-after, items. **Please look through your turnings and see if you can find something for the raffle table.** What might seem to be a not-the-greatest turning to you, might be just what somebody is looking for.

Any time prior to the start of the show, **please drop off your display items and your voluntary raffle contributions at Lyle's home.** Call first to make sure Lyle or Donna is home: 289-7501. Or bring them to our March 26th meeting, or directly to the show. If an item is a raffle item, please label it so.

Irv will have a sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings. Please consider participating.



Part of our 2008 Display

Wayne Van-Every turning tops for kids

Show and Tell

The show and tell table was full of items. Unfortunately, this editor got caught up in the discussion and forgot to take any photos.

One items presented and discussed by Duff Bement was a square bowl with red marking on the corners.

Lyle Solem showed an item and discussed sanding marks.

Jim Patterson showed his instant antique 'chocolate stirrer'. Sure wish I had a photo of that!

Dave Dunn showed a couple hollow vessels – one made out of 'pin cherry'. Must be from a rare tree growing in his back yard.

Cheryl Jones showed her second bowl. Well done!

Chuck Johnson was introduced as a visiting guest.

Woodturning cruise presentation

Lyle Solem gave a talk and power point presentation on the cruise that he and Donna took along with Dennis and Marge Holt last year. It was a great presentation with great photos and many questions. Again, no photos of the presentation. Lyle tells me there were about 20 instructors on the ship. Attending were some 265 individuals. The ship would accommodate about 300 passengers. The cruise took 14 days, and only encountered rough water twice in the North Sea. Lyle says the food was excellent and available in daunting quantities.

Sorry about no photos of the presentation. Lyle did send a few that he took on the cruise.

Here Lyle is working on one of the lathes with Gavin Phillips from the UK. A few afternoons on the lathe and he will try out for the field goal kicker position on the Vikings



This is a photo of Stuart Mortimer demonstrating making hollow vessels. Stuart is from the UK Lyle suggests that it took only about two hours to make this vessel.

Miscellaneous

Remember to send your ZVW membership renewal fees to Wayne Van-Every at 720 7th Avenue SW, Oronoco, MN 55960. (\$20 per family)

Two members joined at the last meeting. Andy Schultz from Mantorville and Steve Benson from Rochester. Welcome!

The next meeting will be held on February 26th at the Rochester Covenant Church, - 4950 31st Ave, NW, Rochester. Meeting starts at 6:30 with Tim Sullivan discussing various aspects of finishing.

ZVW member has Article Published in More Woodturning.

The February 2009 issue of More Woodturning has an article published by Lyle Solem on their experiences and Lyle's thought about their Norwegian Wood Turning Cruise this past August. For another person's perspective on the Cruise I would recommend you also read Bob Neill's article in the December issue of More Woodturning.

Personal note – we have about 40 members in our club. Normal attendance at a meeting is about half of the members. We have been having some discussions at the board meeting about this. I thought I would make an informal request of the membership. What are we not providing that would interest you in attending a meeting? What subjects would you like to see demonstrated or discussed, if any? We continue to look for subjects for the meetings. Perhaps the time of the meeting is not handy for you. Whatever. An e-mail to me with your concerns will be confidential. We all want this to be an enjoyable experience. wpbeckman@earthlink.net Thanks in advance!

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